

Sundays, but there is also this economic component too that I think is going to help stimulate the economy in the 21st century if we make those investments. But today we are not making them. So we cannot expect something to happen when we are not doing anything. It just does not make any sense.

I will let my colleague make a final comment or two and then we will wrap it up and give out the e-mail address.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Well, I want to thank my colleague for bearing with me.

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. I hope you feel better. My colleague from Florida was down last week, sick as a dog.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Down last week, but came back in on behalf of the country. The fact is we have to continue to do what we have to do as Members of Congress. I think that it is very, very important that we continue to pay very close attention to these issues.

I want to commend many of my colleagues on this side of the aisle for standing up in ways that are unprecedented in this institution and trying to change the tide of not only thinking but also making sure that we get back to governing this country of ours and that we stand up on behalf of those Americans who need us to stand up for them. I can tell you right now they come in all ages and all economic backgrounds, and some of them are even children. It is important that we work on their behalf in an honest way.

If anything comes out of this, I would be happy if the leadership on the Republican side was to say, you know, I think there are some points that have been made and I think we need to implement some of those things; or at least have a fair discussion on some of those issues to make sure that we will govern in a way that does not violate the spirit of our existing rules. That would be a victory.

Or if the American people were to say enough is enough, it has affected my household personally, and make other decisions based on the representation here in Washington, D.C. And this will not be a discussion; it will be action on what we are talking about. So there is a long time before that happens, because the election is not up until 2006.

But on behalf of the country, there are some things that just cannot wait that long, and there are some issues that need to be brought to the forefront and hopefully change will come out. So my spirit is the American spirit and dream that things will get better and should get better because it is the right thing to do.

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Well, we are going to do our best. If you are not watching baseball tonight and you were watching the 30-something Dems, our e-mail is the 30somethingdems@ mail.house.gov. We have been getting a ton of e-mails lately, so do not be afraid to drop us an e-mail. We appreciate everybody who is listening and

watching, and I appreciate my colleague fighting through a cold to be down here with us.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. FOXX). Members are reminded that their remarks are to be addressed to the Chair and not to the television audience.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business.

Mr. CARDIN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Mr. GRIJALVA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and October 18 on account of official business.

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Mr. REYES (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of illness in the family.

Mr. SCHIFF (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and October 18 on account of attending a soldier's funeral in California.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business in the district.

Mrs. BIGGERT (at the request of Mr. BLUNT) for today on account of official business.

Mr. KING of Iowa (at the request of Mr. BLUNT) for today on account of illness.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. WOOLSEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. MCCARTHY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MORAN of Kansas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, for 5 minutes, October 19 and 20.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OSBORNE, for 5 minutes, today and October 18 and 19.

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, today and October 18.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today and October 18 and 20.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today and October 18 and 19.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1858. An act to provide for community disaster loans.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, October 18, 2005, at 10:30 a.m., for morning hour debates.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

*[Omitted from the Record of October 7, 2005]*

4443. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP): MAP Lender Quality Assurance Enforcement [Docket No. FR-4836-F-02] (RIN: 2502-AI01) received August 4, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4444. A letter from the Acting Director, OSHA Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Department of the Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Updating OSHA Standards Based On Natural Consensus Standards; General, Incorporation by Reference; Hazardous Materials, Flammable and Combustible Liquids; General Environmental Controls, Temporary Labor Camps; Hand and Portable Powered Tools and Other Hand-Held Equipment, Guarding of Portable Powered Tools; Welding, Cutting and Brazing, Are Welding and Cutting; Special Industries, Sawmills. [Docket No. S-023A] (RIN: 1218-AC08) received September 21, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4445. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Prohibited Transaction Exemption (PTE) 84-14 for Plan Asset Transactions Determined by Independent Qualified Professional Asset Managers [Application Number D-11047] received August 23, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4446. A letter from the Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Regulations Implementing the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and Related Statutes (RIN: